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SUBJECT: TANGOV ON ZAIRE SITUATION

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAMAR 22 (SEPTEL) ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE TOLD TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR BOMANI THAT USG HOPED THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES COULD HELP SOLVE CURRENT SITUATION IN ZAIRE. WE HAD ADVISED PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF THIS AND THOUGHT THAT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS IN SUCH AN ATTEMPT.

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2. BOMANI GAVE THE TANGOV INTERPRETATION OF THE SITUATION AS BASICALLY DISAFFECTED KATANGANS ATTEMPTING TO EXERT THEIR RIGHTS AND REVOLT AGAINST AN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME. HE CLAIMED NO FOREIGN TROOPS OR ADVISORS WERE INVOLVED AND THAT WHILE MPLA MIGHT HAVE PROVIDED SOME ARMS AND TRAINING, THERE WAS NO FOREIGN INVASION OF SHABA PROVINCE. THE

KATANGANS WERE WELL-ORGANIZED AND TRAINED AND HAD SOME OLD
GRIEVANCES TO SETTLE. - -

3. BOMANI NOTED THAT NETO HAD RESTRAINED THE KATANGANS
FOR SOME TIME NOW AND HAD ONLY UNLEASHED THEM AFTER A
RECENT SNUB BY MOBUTU. NETO AND MOBUTU HAD TO RESOLVE
THEIR DIFFERENCES FIRST BEFORE THE SITUATION IN THE AREA
STABILIZED. SCHAUFLE AND BOMANI AGREED THAT AN AFRICAN
SOLUTION WOULD BE THE BEST ONE FOR THE ZAIRIAN PROBLEM
AND THAT A GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

4. BOMANI NOTED THAT THE TANGOV APPRECIATED RECENT CARTER
ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS ON AFRICA SUCH AS REPEAL OF THE
BYRD AMENDMENT, OUR GOOD OFFICES IN THE RECENT EAST AFRICAN
AIRLINES DISPUTE AND THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH. HE
CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT BY CHOOSING MOBUTU, THE USG MIGHT
TARNISH THAT IMPROVED IMAGE.
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